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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
Hongkong, 31st August, 1883.

DEATH.  
At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the  
13th October, 1883, ALEXANDER H. TAIT, (late  
Engineer S.S. *Pekin*), aged 41 years.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1883.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA.  
LONDON, October 19th.  
It is reported that Russia is placing troops on  
the Austrian frontier in response to similar move-  
ments on the Austrian side. The Russian press  
is in favor of an understanding with England.

(From the *Avenir du Tonkin*).  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH  
REPUBLIC.  
PARIS, October 7th.  
The President of the Republic has received  
ovations at Lyons and Dijon.

M. CLEMENCEAU.  
October 10th.  
M. Clemenceau, in a speech delivered to a  
public meeting at Toulon, stated that he would  
support the Ministry and that the Republicans  
would easily defeat the plebiscite maneuvers of  
General Boulanger.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An editorial and other items of interest have  
been unavoidably "crowded out" of this issue.

THE French despatch vessel *Pariseau* arrived  
at Shanghai from Nagasaki on the 18th inst.

THE P. & O. Company's steamer *Deccan*,  
from Bombay, left Singapore for this port yesterday  
at 5 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor announced to-day  
at the Legislative Council that he contemplated  
stopping the sale of Manila lottery tickets by a  
new Ordinance.

MR. A. McCALLUM, engineer of Messrs. Boyd  
& Co., Shanghai, was drowned the other day in  
crossing the bar at Tamsui. Three Chinese  
shared the same fate.

We regret to hear of the death of Colonel Lal,  
who has been well and favorably known for  
many years to residents of this colony as com-  
mandant of Kowloon city.

We are informed by the Agent of the Messageries  
Maritimes that the Company's steamer *Andrey*,  
with the next French mail, left Saigon this  
morning at 2 o'clock for this port.

A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1026,  
will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street,  
this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.  
Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

We have received a copy of the "Report of the  
Commissioners appointed to enquire into the  
cause of the fever prevailing in the Western  
District," and purpose dealing with this impor-  
tant subject at an early date.

A CASE of piracy and murder has been reported  
to the police. On the 16th a gang of men in two  
large junks attacked four fishing boats about 30  
miles to the east of Hongkong, and after killing  
one man and wounding several others looted the  
boats and sailed off.

OUR Shanghai contemporaries learn that the  
Imperial Dock and Naval Yard at Taku are  
again in full working order, so that any vessels  
yielding that port can have repairs effected. The  
establishment is now under new management,  
and Mr. William Grant is the Superintendent.

DEATH has been been rife, amongst some of the  
most influential of our Chinese friends lately,  
and we notice with regret that that accomplished  
Chinese gentleman Ng Heung Po, the agent of  
the China Merchants Company at Canton, has  
crossed the "black" river and has been followed  
by old Yu Lok, the contractor who built the  
Naval Department works at Kowloon.

ON Saturday morning three Chinamen armed  
with swords visited a coppersmith in Battery  
Road just as he was counting his dollars. They  
mentioned that they wanted a loan without  
security, and that if he objected he would be  
immediately very dead. They got fifteen dollars,  
shut the door, and cleared out. The coppersmith  
valiantly followed and caught one of the men,  
who had about a ton of copper to carry, and had  
laid behind. The unlucky one was remanded  
to-day at the Police Court.

THE first lot of Subscription griffins for next  
season's race meeting, 12 in number, arrived  
here this afternoon and will be drawn for at  
Kennedy's Horse Repository at noon to-morrow.

THERE will be a game at polo at the Club's ground  
at Causeway Bay to-morrow afternoon, com-  
mencing at 4 p.m. After the play a meeting of  
members will be held to consider the question of  
obtaining ponies from the North.

MR. C. D. Harman, agent of the O. & O.  
S. S. Co., informs us that the steamer *Gaile*,  
with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 29th  
ultra, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail  
for this port on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held  
on Thursday next the 25th inst. at 4.30 p.m.  
The bye-laws under sub-section 1 and 3, and 19  
and 24 of section 13 of the *Public Health  
Ordinance* will form the subjects of discussion.

MR. POLLOCK thinks "It is a sin to steal a pin,  
much less to steal a greater thing." Last week  
he gave a poor wretch two months' imprison-  
ment for stealing a tenpenny nail from the Docks,  
whilst this morning he committed a coolie for  
fourteen days for having twelve pounds of copper  
nails, the property of the same Company, in his  
possession.

THE *N. C. Daily News* hears from Peking,  
under date the 8th inst., that it was blowing  
a nor-wester there, with frightful clouds of dust,  
added to which crowds of banner-men, under  
their different flags, were repairing Legation  
Street, by piling up the dust and dirt in the  
middle of the fairway. This was in preparation  
for the passage through the street of the  
Emperor's *Ut-itch*, which was understood to be  
a notification to his deceased ancestors at  
Moukden of his approaching marriage.

A PRIEST living at Tai-ping-shan has a very  
handsome bob-tailed pussy, the winner of fifteen  
cat-competitions and the champion rat-ter of the  
neighbourhood. On Saturday a cold-blooded  
rascal who kept a stall near his door stole her  
and tied her up with an eye to a rabbit pie next  
day. The priest's wife discovered her, and  
offered to ransom her for ten cents, but the rascal  
took the money and then beat Mrs. Priest. The  
catastrophe will be spoken on Friday, by Mr.  
Pollock.

Kuhlow says:—Germany now produces 300,000  
kg. of spun waste. The centres of production  
are Atlanta and the Grand Duchy of Baden.  
Germany, however, imports silk of all descriptions  
and from all countries. Three-fourths of the  
raw silk consumed in that country comes from  
Italy, whilst spun waste is applied to it almost  
exclusively by Switzerland. Waste silk enters  
almost as much as raw silk into the goods  
manufactured in Crefeld, Elberfeld, and Barmen,  
and the web generally consists of cotton. The  
German dyeing houses receive annually about  
700,000 kg. of silk for treatment.

THE sixth (and last) "Spoon" competition at  
600 yards of the Hongkong Rifle Association  
took place at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon.  
Although the light was bad and most unfavorable  
for big scores, the shooting showed some im-  
provement on previous essays over this range,  
albeit that two or three usually reliable marksmen  
failed to exhibit anything like their true form.  
Eventually Police constable J. Carson, with a  
total of 30, scored a handsome victory over 25  
opponents. Messrs. C. D. Wilkinson, D. Wood,  
and E. R. Hope tied for second place with 25  
each, and there were three 24's and two 23's.

THE amounts of convertible notes and reserves  
in the Bank of Japan for the week ending the  
6th instant were as follow:—

Convertible Notes.	Reserves and Securities.
Notes issued.....\$1,000,000	Gold coin and bullion.....7,144,473
	Silver coin and bullion.....40,000,000
	Public Loan Bonds.....12,476,100
	Treasury Bills.....4,000,000
	Government Bonds.....2,100,000
	Deeds.....1,000,000
	Other securities.....1,000,000
	Total.....\$18,720,573

Of the above total issue of notes, a sum of *yen*  
2,020,176 is in the treasury of the Bank, and  
*yen* 55,866,474 is in actual circulation, showing  
an increase of *yen* 503,784 as compared with *yen*  
55,482,690 at the end of the previous week.

SAYS the *N. C. Daily News*:—On the night of  
the 31st August, a steamer ran down a small  
boat off Woosung, and two men were drowned.  
The Captain of the steamer which proved to be  
the *August*, finding an accident of some kind  
had occurred, stopped the engines and instituted  
a search, but the boat was a very small one and  
nothing could be seen of it, nor of the recent  
occupants, as the night was dark. The Captain  
recorded the fact in his log that the ship had  
collied with something; what it was he did not  
know. On the following morning the natives  
reported that a boat had been run down by an  
unknown steamer. The name of the vessel was  
only discovered yesterday, 14th inst. It does  
not appear that any blame attaches to anybody  
on board the steamer.

AMONGST other forms of Chinese rascality is  
that of "flying the pigeon," as they call it. Two  
pigeon-flyers of this description were up before  
Mr. Pollock this morning, on a charge of obtain-  
ing money by false pretences. Early last month  
they went to a woman who lives in Queen's  
Road West, and who wanted to adopt a child,  
and offered to sell her a little girl, nine years  
old, stating that they stood in the relationship of  
mother and uncle respectively, that the father  
was just dead, and that they wanted to sell the  
child to pay funeral expenses. They wanted  
\$100, but at length agreed to take \$93, for  
which they gave a receipt. On Friday night  
the new mother took the girl to the steamer, and  
whilst there the latter got away, and rejoined  
the prisoners, who were really her parents. They  
were all on the point of going to Canton when  
the purchaser appeared, and gave the father and  
mother into custody. This little girl denied all  
knowledge of the pretence, but the go-between  
identified the pair, and they were sentenced to  
three months' imprisonment each.

THE General Managers (Messrs. Jardine, Mathe-  
son & Co.) inform us that the Indo-China  
Steam Navigation Co.'s steamer *Takung* from  
Calcutta, left Singapore on the 20th inst. for this  
port.

SAYS our Shanghai morning contemporary of the  
17th inst.:—H.M.S. *Alacrity*, with the British  
Admiral on board, is at Chefoo, and the *Mutine*  
and *Heroine* are expected here shortly. It is  
said the *Satellite* will winter at Shanghai.

THE following appointments are notified, in the  
*Government Gazette*:—Mr. George Jekyll  
Phillippo, B.A., to be Clerk to the Puisne Judge,  
with effect from the 27th August last, vice Mr. C.  
E. Holworthy, resigned. Messrs. Au Kin-nam and  
Wong Sung-ling of the Tung-wa Hospital to be  
public vaccinators under The Vaccination Or-  
dinance, 1888, vice Mr. Chan Ho-tsak, resigned.

THE Band will play at the Officers' Mess,  
Murray Barracks, to-morrow evening, com-  
mencing at 8 o'clock. The following will be the  
programme:—  
March "I will be true to thee".....Newton.  
Overture "Schubert".....Suppe.  
Valse "Star and Garter".....Strauss.  
Fantasy "Ben of Mendocino".....Godfrey.  
Selection "Dinorah".....Meyerbeer.  
Selection "Mefistofele".....Boito.  
JOHN MORAN, Bandmaster.

SAYS the Japan *Daily News*:—A new rule has  
been issued by the Acting Chief Justice of the  
Supreme Court of China and Japan, promulgating  
a scale of fees for civil and criminal proceedings  
to be substituted for the scale put in force on  
May 4th, 1865. The new scale, which is  
applicable to all Courts in China, Japan, and  
Korea, came into force on the 8th instant; all  
actions instituted prior to that date will be under  
the old scale, but all instituted subsequently will  
go under the new scale. The fees are given in  
the new table in more detail than hitherto, but  
the amounts are practically the same.

YESTERDAY morning Inspector Matheson was  
going across Queen's Road to the wharf, reflecting  
on the sermon about loving his enemies which  
he had just heard, when he saw a Chinaman  
coming along with a tremendous revolver of the  
pepper-box brand coming towards him. The  
man seemed mad, and Mr. Matheson resorted to  
strategy. He asked the madman if he had  
any conscientious objections to letting him  
examine the pistol, and said it so nicely that the  
lunatic at once said he had not, and handed it  
over, with 99 cartridges. When disarmed he  
was easily got to the Police station, where he  
proved to be a very decent sort of an old fellow  
who thought a ghost was after him. He is in  
custody pending a medical examination.

WE (N. C. *Daily News*) hear from a competent  
authority, and we do not know whether the  
opinion has been brought to the notice of the  
Inspector-General of Customs, that there is a  
grave fault about the splendid system of light  
on the China coast. The light-houses are almost  
uniformly too high. This unquestionably enables  
the lights to be seen much farther out at sea,  
but that is not what is wanted. The sailor  
wants to know when he is near the dangers  
against which the lights are to guard him, and  
in the peculiar low fogs which infest the China  
coast, the captain of a vessel is often below the  
fog and the light above it, so that he does not  
see the light at all; and this will account for  
some of the losses of steamers close to, and  
sometimes almost at the foot of, powerful and  
otherwise admirable lights. The objection is  
well worth the serious consideration of Sir  
Robert Hart and his engineers, and is not lightly  
made.

ABOUT eleven o'clock this morning a mahogany-  
colored, solemn-looking little Chinaman whose  
silken habiliments were hidden by a barrister's  
gown, and his queue by a very new and curly  
wig, toddled into the Supreme Court and sat  
down beside the Attorney-General. Even his  
lordship smiled, but the little legal luminary  
never moved a muscle until told by "Mr.  
Attorney" to come later. It was Mr. Wai Pui  
(down), a gentleman who had passed in law  
with flying colours at the Middle Temple, and  
who had come to be formally admitted to  
practice here. At one o'clock he came in again  
with the same comically-improbable look, and  
his chapman, Mr. O'Malley, informed the Court  
that his *protégé's* papers, showing that he was  
called to the Bar in April last, had been  
examined and found correct. His lordship said  
that he also had looked over the papers, and  
they seemed to be in order, and he had great  
pleasure in admitting him.—Exit the little  
improbable.

Kuhlow gives the following comprehensive  
account of the fight between the Atlantic Cable  
Companies:—At last the Commercial Cable  
Company has obtained a well-earned triumph,  
and from September 1st the tariff word across  
the Atlantic is to be one shilling. Of the tactics  
of the combined companies the less said the  
better, but the facts may be recorded. When the  
Mackay-Bennett combination laid its cable, efforts  
were made to induce them to join the pool. So far  
as we can gather, these efforts at an agreement  
failed because there was no reality in them. The  
pool then put on the screw, saying, 'agree to our  
terms or we will fight.' They fought. The  
supremacy (tariff) was a "fighting tariff." It was  
spoken of as such and boasted about as such.  
Result: no dividends to the shareholder, and no  
"prostration in fear" from the Commercial  
cable. The fighting tariff failed, and then it  
was dubbed euphemistically an experimental  
tariff, one that was fairly and squarely tried  
as an experiment to see if the increased messages  
would reconquer the loss from the tariff. In other  
words, being worried in the fight, a happy  
thought suggested the tariff: "letting it fall in  
experiment," and now the terms long since sug-  
gested by the Commercial have been adopted.

The telegraphing public were the galloping during  
the period of the experiment, and now we just  
to see a permanent settlement of this squabble,  
and a greater attention to the development of  
real business.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the  
City Hall Museum for the week ending 21st  
October, are:—European, 197, Chinese, 2,075;  
total 2,272.

"No," said the theatre manager, "I don't want  
any society favorites to play at my house this  
season. I had two last season, and there wasn't  
enough to pay for the gas in the house the four  
weeks they were here." "Yes," said the advance  
agent, "but this is a different kind. This one  
lives with her husband." "Great Scott! why  
didn't you say that before, man? Of course I'll  
bill her for two weeks this winter and two next  
spring. If we get that fact about her living with  
her husband in the papers the house won't hold  
the people. I've been looking six months for a  
drawing novelty."

THE U. S. S. *Paloi* left Kobe for Chemulpo on  
the 11th inst. The Russian gunboat *Korats*  
left Nagasaki for Chemulpo on the 13th inst.  
The Russian cruiser *Najenik* arrived at Naga-  
saki from Vladivostok on the 9th inst. The  
French cruiser *Pariseau* and the flagship  
*Turquoise* arrived at Nagasaki from Hakodate on  
the 12th and 13th inst. respectively. The U.S.S.  
*Marion*, flagship of Rear-Admiral Chandler,  
was to leave Yokohama on the 13th instant for  
Shanghai. H.M.S. *Cockchafer* is ordered to  
Tientsin for the winter. We hear that she will  
have as consorts a French, a German, a Russian,  
and an American man-of-war. The German  
gunboat *Wolf* was at Wenchow on the 11th  
instant.

## SUPREME COURT.

## IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. J. Russell, Acting Chief Justice.)

## A CHINESE APPEAL.

This appeal was heard before a special jury,  
composed as follows:—Messrs. Alex. Wright,  
Alex. Levy, A. Hancock, H. X. Just, St. C.  
Michaelson, G. A. Wieler and O. Bachmich.  
The Attorney-General (instructed by Mr. Has-  
tings) appeared for the appellant, and Mr.  
Francis, Q.C., (instructed by Mr. Mossop)  
represented the defendant.

The Attorney-General, in opening, said that  
that was an action brought by Siew Lok Hing,  
substantially to obtain an order for the setting  
aside of a decree made against him, in common  
with several other persons who were partners in  
the Yu Cheung bank. Their partnership was  
wound up some years ago, and in the orders  
made in the suit for the purpose was one by  
which a sum of money was made payable by  
the appellant as a contribution toward the  
bank's settlement. He now appealed against  
that order on the ground that he was deceived  
by Ho Kit, the partner who obtained it from  
the Court. He alleged that Ho Kit told him  
that though it was necessary that his name  
should be added to the suit, and that appar-  
ently he might be made liable to pay a  
sum of money, it was a mere formality, he  
would be in no way affected by the results, and  
it was quite unnecessary for him to have  
himself represented or have his interests  
watched. In consequence of these representa-  
tions he took no action or active part in the  
suit, and did not examine the documents which  
he received from time to time. In the end  
he found to his astonishment that he was liable  
for the sum of nearly \$3,000, which he paid.  
The question now to be decided was whether  
he would have been liable for the money if he  
had been properly represented—that had been  
decided, but whether the appellant was induced  
by such misrepresentation to neglect giving  
such attention to the suit as might have  
enabled him to exempt himself from liability,  
or at any rate to forego a right which he would  
have exercised if he had not been deceived.—The  
Attorney-General then read the petition, which  
stated that in March 1884 Ho Kit, the active  
partner in the Yu Cheung bank, brought an  
action against the other partners, including the  
appellant, for the settlement of the accounts of the  
partnership and having it wound up. Appellant,  
on receiving his copy of the writ, asked Ho Kit  
for an explanation, and was told by him that his  
name had been added as a formality, the real  
defendants being the other partners, and that he  
need not trouble himself to take any steps to  
defend the action. In his reply the defendant  
stated that the appellant had full and due notice  
of the proceedings, and was not prevented from  
appearing or defending the same by any repre-  
sentations of Ho Kit and that he was furnished  
with a copy of the accounts which showed him  
to be indebted to the bank in the sum of \$2,496.

Sien Lok Hing, a merchant in Hongkong, said  
that for some years previous to 1881 he was  
a partner in the Yu Cheung bank. There were  
four partners left when the company was wound  
up in 1881. Ho Kit was one of them, and soon  
afterwards commenced a suit against him, and  
the rest of the partners. He asked Ho Kit for an  
explanation, and was told that his name must  
be added to make the matter complete, but  
that he need not trouble himself about it, as the  
action was only brought really against another  
of the partners, and if he went to the Court it  
would be useless. After some interviews he  
received some papers, and had an interview  
with Mr. Dennis, Ho Kit's lawyer. He also  
saw Mr. Mossop, who explained that the other  
partners owed the bank \$9,000 or \$10,000  
altogether. He was a creditor of the bank's,  
and understood that he would get this  
money back after the suit against the other  
partners. He would have got a lawyer if he  
had not been misled by Ho Kit.

Other evidence having been given,  
Mr. Francis, for the respondent, addressed the  
jury. He denied that the appellant ever received  
an assurance from his client that he was not liable  
to have judgment given against him in the action,  
and submitted that it was not reasonable that  
he would ignore all the legal correspondence sent  
him, or act, as he had done, on the mere repre-  
sentations of Ho Kit.

The jury found for the appellant on two of the  
issues, and against on the other two.

## MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held  
this afternoon, when there were present:—  
His Excellency the Governor (Sir William  
Des Vaux), Dr. E. Stewart, Colonial Secretary,  
Mr. J. Russell, Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E.  
O'Malley, Attorney-General, Mr. E. Wodehouse,  
Acting Colonial Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Price,  
Surveyor-General, Captain W. M. Deane,  
Superintendent of Police, Messrs. P. Ryrie,  
B. Layton, J. Bell-Irving, and Wong Shing,  
(official members).  
The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

A recommendation of the Governor's that  
\$8,500 be granted for the erection of a Home for  
girls rescued by the Society for the Protection of  
Women, was referred to the Finance Committee.

## THE FEVER COMMISSION.

The Governor expressed regret that by an  
oversight the report of this Commission had not  
been laid on the table. He had not known that  
such was the case, and explained that it was  
owing to a question about planting eucalyptus  
trees having arisen. He did not think eucalyptus  
trees any good in the tropics. Anyhow, the  
report would be at once forthcoming.

## BILLS.

The Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1882  
and Appropriation Bill 1883 passed their second  
reading. Three Bills for the naturalisation of  
many Chinamen were passed.

The Attorney-General moved the second read-  
ing of the Bill to amend the Gambling Ordinance  
of 1876. He said that it was desirable that a  
section should be added to the Bill, empowering  
the police to arrest the keepers of gambling  
houses, and removing their powers to arrest  
other gamblers.

## THE MANILA LOTTERY.

The Governor pointed out, with regard to the  
section dealing with the punishment to which  
offenders were liable, that lotteries were declared  
illegal. He thought it should also be made  
criminal to sell lottery tickets. That was a  
short Ordinance, with a specific purpose,  
and he did not include that point, but  
he thought it followed conclusively that the  
sale of Manila Lottery tickets should be  
made punishable. It would never do to punish  
the Chinese for selling Tsz Fa tickets and allow  
Manila Lottery tickets, which did as much  
harm to the community, to be sold freely. He  
had been furnished lately, by a leading gentle-  
man concerned in a bank, with some startling  
statistics as to the amount of money taken out  
of Hongkong every year by that Lottery, and he  
did not think the purchase were confined to  
those who could afford it. The purchasers  
included most of the European community, if  
not Chinese also. He had not the figures, but  
he assured the Council they were startling as to  
the amount of money taken out of the Colony  
yearly.

Mr. Ryrie:—Some of it comes back. (laughter).  
The Governor:—Extremely little, I am afraid.

## THE FIRE INQUIRY BILL.

The Attorney-General said that he would  
move in Committee that the Bill be amended  
to the extent that the same might be found  
to hold the inquiry and any subsequent criminal  
inquiry.

The Council adjourned shortly afterwards.

## ANOTHER FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

About half-past three this morning the care-  
taker of the shop 114 Queen's Road West, which  
is between Coombe Street and Paterfield  
Street, heard a noise in the cookhouse, and  
thought it was a thief. He awoke a *foh*  
named Sam, and they went to the place, when  
they found the door, a cupboard, and some  
firewood burning. Instead of putting them out,  
as they could easily have done, they gallantly  
ran out, Samuel leading. About twenty  
minutes later they gave information at the  
Fire Brigade Station, and four engines turned  
out, as did also the Volunteer steamer and  
Nam Pak Hong manual. Water had only to be  
pumped from the Praya, but there was a little  
delay in getting it on, the flames in the mean-  
time extending to the front of the building,  
which is three stories high. There was but  
little wind, and the hardware which formed the  
struck on the ground-floor not being combustible  
no very serious blaze was visible. In a short  
time five jets were playing on the front, and two  
others from the rear, and before the chilly crowd  
could warm their hands it was dilled down.  
The basement was smothered on one side with  
clocks and on the other with hardware; over-  
head was a living room, and the top floor was  
a club. A very marked increase in the ardour  
of the Government Brigade under their improved  
conditions was six military firemen, who have  
had quarters in the Fire Brigade Station since  
the beginning of the month, and who worked  
most energetically. The premises were gutted,  
but the adjoining houses were entirely saved.  
This is the third fire in the block of six or seven  
shops this month; so the Fire Inquiry Ordinance  
will come into force too soon. The Lubbeck Fire  
Insurance Co. (Messrs. Scheele & Co.) had  
insured the clock-seller for \$1,500 and the other  
joint occupant held a policy for \$7,500—both  
taken out on the 8th of this month, we under-  
stand.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by  
correspondents in this column.]

## THE GAOL SUPERINTENDENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."  
SIR,—I was much surprised to find on reading  
the leader in your issue of the 19th inst. that  
you agreed with the decision of the Governor in  
increasing the salary of the Superintendent of  
the Gaol. Moreover, you say, "you have every  
reason to believe he is a most competent officer."  
I don't think you have the public with you in  
this conclusion. The figure the Superintendent  
cut at the recent Chain-gang enquiry was most  
unattractive; the utter want of knowledge dis-  
played in his evidence was quite sufficient to  
stamp his incompetency; the arms supplied to  
the officers were in some cases found to be use-  
less, and the ammunition, if such a thing were  
possible, to be even worse.

The public, I believe, would have been better  
satisfied had His Excellency thrown this  
"Sop" amongst the rank and file, whom every-  
body agree are miserably paid.

Yours truly,

FAIRPLAY.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1883.

## OUR MACAO LETTER.

MACAO, 22nd October, 1883.  
A Municipal election was held in this City  
yesterday for the third time during the past few  
weeks, which resulted as was confidently antici-  
pated, in the unanimous re-election of the mem-  
bers who composed the Corporation to arbitrarily  
and unjustly dissolved by ex-Governor da Costa.  
Out of 130 votes which were registered, Senhor  
Pacheco obtained 127; Senhor Candeio  
Jorge 14. Senhor A. J. da Fonseca 12; Sen-  
hor F. Volney Sanchez 12; Senhor A.  
da Silva Telles 9; and Senhor J. Ribeiro 7.  
Now that the autocrat of all Macao has left  
this city for good, the Municipal Corporation may  
depend on leading an untroubled existence.  
In my last I informed you of Mr. A. Marques  
informal as the commander of the National  
Battalion and chief of the *Guarda Nacional* for  
he was made a member of the Council by the  
appointment of Mr. Marques. The Council is now  
composed of Mr. Marques, Messrs. F. M. Silva,  
J. P. Collaço, Messrs. A. Brandão, and F. L. Silva.  
After three hours' deliberation, the three former  
members voted for a light punishment of the two latter

favouring a severe one; the result being that Mr.  
Marques was sentenced to 25 days imprisonment.  
If you take into consideration the fact that this  
gentleman was not a military man in any sense  
of the word, as he never took the requisite oath  
of allegiance to serve in the National Battalion,  
never served, and never received pay, you will  
readily recognise the injustice of his arrest and  
punishment. It may be that the existence of the  
National Battalion is legalised by Portuguese  
ordinances; but such ordinances, if they exist,  
as well as the entire corps, are ridiculous  
excesses on the body military, and of no  
practical or possible use to the Holy City. When  
such things as these are tolerated the rapid  
decadence of Macao ceases to be a matter for  
surprise.

## NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary general meeting of the share-  
holders in the above Company was held yester-  
day (19th inst.) in the Company's Office, Hankow  
Road, Mr. E. H. Lavers in the Chair. There were  
present:—F. H. Bell, W. Brand, J. A. Hawes,  
H. R. Hearn, A. C. Westall, A. G. Wood,  
Directors; W. C. Ward, C. Müller, A. S. T.  
Clifton, C. G. Warburg, J. W. Harding, A.  
Campbell, J. M. Young, Y. Duer, H. I. Price,  
P. Arnold, and A. Ross (Secretary), representing  
in all 1,132 votes.

The Chairman said that as a quorum was now  
present and they could commence the business  
of the meeting, Mr. Ross would please read the  
notice.

The notice convening the meeting having been  
read, the Chairman remarked that the meeting  
was merely a formal one to pass the Report and  
Accounts to the 30th June, which compared  
favourably with the statement issued at the  
corresponding date last year, and moved the  
following resolution which was seconded by Mr.  
F. H. Bell and carried unanimously:—

"That the Directors' Report and the Accounts,  
as now presented, be adopted and passed."

Mr. Arnold proposed the second resolution  
namely:—

"That the Directors be authorized to close up  
the



## NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

A traveller just arrived from Kao-yu, in Yangchow Prefecture on the Grand Canal, some 60 miles N.W. of Shanghai, reports that in consequence of the continuous slow rising of the water in the Canal, another large sluice was opened on 5th October; and this not producing a very marked effect, still another will be opened if the water is observed to deepen more.

The progress of ideas, is shown by a leader in the *Shin Pao* on Sunday advocating the abolition of the cruel punishment of *lingchi* or "the disgraceful and lingering death," as neither in accordance with the principles of the ancient Chinese sages, nor with the spirit of the age in the world in general. (This punishment is supposed to be inflicted on parricides).

The Hon. Sec. of the Chinese Silk Merchants' Society for the relief of the sufferers from the floods acknowledges, in an eloquent letter which has a prominent place in the *Shin Pao* and *Hu Pao*, the receipt of the handsome donation of Tls. 4,000 for Hsiao from four Chinese, which was forwarded in a draft on a native banker. The donors, in the spirit of true charity, do not give their real names, but as *Wang* and *Siu* and his contemporary *Su Tung-po* said 800 years ago, the reward of heaven will find them out.

The *Hu Pao* says that in consequence of the scarcity and bad quality of drinking water at Soochow during the drought of July and August, which were supposed to have caused cases of cholera, the Provincial Treasurer of Kiangsu Province, Hwang, has lately ordered the digging of wells, in that large city, entrusting the work to the management of various charitable societies. Sixty new wells have been dug and the old ones have been repaired and cleaned. His Excellency receives much praise for this beneficent work.

## NOTES FROM JAPANESE PAPERS

A slight shock of earthquake was felt in the capital on the 19th instant at 7.57 a.m.

The work on the first section between Hakata and Kurume, on the line of the Kyushu Railway Company, is about to be commenced.

The authorities are engaged in the compilation of a revised draft of the regulations as to theatres and public entertainments.

The *Takachio Kan*, *Fuso Kan*, *Taukushu Kan*, and *Kaimen Kan*, arrived at Tsuruga on the 8th instant, having left Osaka on the 6th instant.

Notes to the amount of yen 770,800 were destroyed on the 9th instant in the enclosure, of the Imperial Printing Bureau, at Otomachi, Kojimachi.

Arrangements are being made by the Yokosuka Admiralty Office to hold naval manoeuvres at Yokosuka on the arrival there of the Japanese squadron, which is now on its way back from Vladivostok.

The half-yearly general meeting of shareholders of the Ryomo Railway Company will be held on the afternoon of the 27th instant in the rooms of the Tokyo Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association at Kojimachi.

The tender of the Japan Engineering Company for the construction of the new four-story brick building for the Tokyo General Post and Telegraph Office, at Hanzaimokucho Ichome, Nishimbashi, has been accepted. The cost will be yen 124,779.

It has been intimated by the Korean Government to the Foreign Office that the King of Korea has accepted the resignation by Mr. Chin Shunk-tai of the office of Prime Minister, and that Mr. Kim Pei-shi, Third Minister, has been appointed to succeed him.

The meetings of the Commandants of various Divisional Headquarters in the empire, which were opened lately in the War Department, were concluded on the 6th instant, and the officers will leave the capital about the 10th instant for their respective posts.

An entertainment was given by the officers, brokers and shareholders of the Tokyo Stock Exchange on the evening of the 8th instant, at the Yaomatsu Restaurant, at Mukojima, to those connected with the exchange and to various press representatives.

The construction of a railway between Otzu and Shinjo on the Tokaido Railway will be completed about the end of this year, instead of at end of next month as previously arranged. The permanent bridges on the line are expected to be finished about February next.

The quantity of raw silk, &c., in stock at Yokohama, on the 8th instant, was 20,815 Japanese bales, of which 8,156 bales were Futatabi, 2,510 bales Kakeba Re-reels, 4,366 bales Zangri, 1,245 bales Oku-Sen Hamatsuki, 4,473 bales Hanks, and 66 bales miscellaneous kinds.

The Japan Red Cross Society has received sanction from H.M. the Empress to establish branches in Shimane and Yamaguchi Prefectures, as resolved upon at a recent meeting of the society. Messrs. Kotoda, Prefect of Shimane, and Hara, Prefect of Yamaguchi, have been nominated Presidents of the respective branches.

The quantity of matches manufactured for export in the urban and rural districts in Hyogo Prefecture during July last, was 2,334 tons, valued at yen 22,340, and 800 tons, valued at yen 8,990, respectively, showing a decrease of 432 tons, valued at yen 4,450, in the former, and an increase of 240 tons, valued at yen 2,450, as compared with the previous month.

The laying of rails between Ashikaga and Kiryu (9 miles), on the line of the Ryomo Railway Company has been completed, and ballast trains have been running daily since the 8th instant. An iron bridge over the Kiryu river has been finished, and the new buildings for a railway station at Kiryu are expected to be completed in a few days. The works on the section between Kiryu and Isezaki (over 9 miles) by way of Omama and Iwashiku will be begun shortly. A railway station to be called the Omama Station will be established at Iwashiku, about 30 miles from Omama.

The laying of rails between Hyogo and Akashi (about 11 miles), on the first section of the Sanyo Railway Company, has been completed, and a locomotive trial took place on the evening of the 9th instant. Traffic between Hyogo and Akashi will be begun on the 26th instant. If the temporary stations can be completed and the line officially inspected before the date, the stations will be situated at Hyogo, Suma, Taramina, and Akashi. The laying of a telephone line between the stations has been all but completed, and the telephone apparatus will be fixed up shortly.

The trains will run five times daily. The passenger fare between Hyogo and Akashi will be yen 36 for first, yen 24 for second, and yen 12 for third class.

The Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress have announced their intention of visiting Yokosuka on the 15th instant in order to be present at the ceremony of launching the *Takao Kan* at the Yokosuka Shipbuilding Yard. Their Imperial Majesties will leave the Akasaka Palace at 7.30 a.m. for Shimabashi, and after a short stay at the station, will leave by special train at 8.15 a.m. for Yokohama, where they will arrive at 9 a.m. After resting for a short time at the official buildings of the Imperial Household at Yokohama, their Majesties will leave by a war-vessel at 9.30 a.m. for Yokosuka, where they will arrive at 11 a.m. The launch of the *Takao Kan* will take place at 2.30 p.m., and the Emperor and Empress will then proceed to the Yokosuka Admiralty Office, where, after lunch, their Majesties will leave at 2.30 p.m. for Yokohama, arriving there at 4 p.m. After a short stay in the official buildings of the Imperial Household at Yokohama, their Majesties will leave by special train at 4.30 p.m. for the capital, and will reach the Akasaka Palace at 6 p.m.

## AMOI.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Amoy, 19th October, 1888. The *Chi-yuen* arrived from Shanghai on the 14th bringing nine griffins for the forthcoming races; one or two of them look promising, and the training will no doubt tell if they are any good or not.

The steamship *Formosa* left for Tamsui on the 16th taking about 200 coolies who have been enlisted by the Governor of Formosa's emissaries to go and assist in subduing the savages. I believe a lot more will be despatched shortly as the recruiting officers are still busy here.

A most daring case of piracy and murder took place in our harbour on the night of the 17th instant. It appears that a Chinaman who had arrived by the steamer *Cheong Hock Kian* from Singapore, with about \$2,000, his savings for the last 15 years, hired a sampan to take him and his effects to his home, and when the sampan arrived opposite the North end of Kulangsoo, she was attacked by another boat, the occupants of which killed the unfortunate Chinaman, cutting his throat, nearly severing the head from the body, and then decamping with their plunder. So far no arrests have been made.

The coolie season has set in earnest, no less than eight steamers for the Straits have already left this month, besides one for Deli, and there are two more in the harbour.

## FORMOSA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Tamsui, 8th October. The trouble at Pilam is scarcely at an end, and some mischief elsewhere flares up again. At Quang-Wa, a place about half of way between here and Tainan, the people have pulled down some telegraph poles and cut the wires in several places. The Governor, who was just enjoying the celebration of his son's marriage festival when the news of those fanatical acts arrived, got into a great rage, and ordered the *Fecheu* to at once proceed to Keelung and embark a detachment of "braves" with a certain number of sampans, and to speedily disembark the soldiers afterwards on the shallow coast, and in a surf as near their destination as possible, there being no harbour in the vicinity of the place of disturbance. The latter itself is situated several miles inland, and the coast is generally navigated by "catamarans," which means a number of bamboos fixed suitably in such a way as to almost answer the purposes of a lifeboat along the shallow coasts. The steamer *Fecheu*, Captain Piper, left here on the 6th instant for Keelung, and left the latter place for the "seat of war" next day, which must be considered smart work. She had to coal, embark troops, ammunitions of war, provisions and boats. The steamship *Waiting* arrived on the 6th inst. from Hongkong with a cargo of hardwood for the railway bridge at Twatutia. The weather is delightful now and getting cooler; cholera is abating amongst the natives but fever is still rife amongst foreigners.

P.S.—When I wrote last, on the 25th ultimo, the steamer was on the point of leaving, and by a slip of the pen I said there were 25 European children at Tamsui. I ought to have said 15.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

## CHEFOO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

October 16th. The training ship *Wei-yuen*, of the Pei Yang Squadron, arrived here from Taku yesterday, and will leave again to-morrow for Wei-hai-wei. The latter place appears to be more and more destined to become the headquarters of the Pei Yang Squadron, and since the distance between that Naval station and Chefoo is but little more than thirty miles, it would perhaps well pay some capitalists to institute a tramway between there and Chefoo.

The British fleet is expected to rendezvous at Port Arthur on the 26th instant, and will then meet the Chinese squadron. In my next report I shall be able to give you fuller particulars. I hear that the British steamer *Fai-ma* (the flying-horse) has been chartered for three trips by the French Syndicate to carry material for harbour and dock building, to Port Arthur. No particular news from that peculiar place; everything quite quiet. Great activity prevails in Taitien-wan Bay, situated about thirty miles E.N.E. from Port Arthur. When the naval stations of Port Arthur (Lushunkoo), Taitien-wan, and Wei-hai-wei are finished, it will be as important (1) for invaders to enter the gulf of Pechili as it has been for Admiral Tryon to take Lushunkoo during the late naval manoeuvres. Because if a foe were to evade the Chanydia of Wei-hai-wei, and the Scylla of Taitien-wan, he would be sure to be eaten up raw by Lushunkoo (Port Arthur), provided the enemy were made of thistles; "Lushunkoo," translated into English, meaning "donkey's mouth."—*Shanghai Mercury*.

## WENCHOW.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Wenchow, October 10th. Mr. Stronach, H.B.M.'s Consul of this port, is compelled, through ill health to relinquish his post, and will leave for England immediately after the arrival from Canton of his successor, Mr. Hosie. Mr. and Mrs. Stronach will be regretted by their friends, who wish them a *bon voyage*.

The Yung-chia-chang village, situated at the entrance of the river some ten miles from Wenchow city, was, during the night of the 27th ult., attacked by a band of robbers; the villagers retaliated, with disastrous result to themselves, three being killed, and a few wounded. The attacking party, who are supposed to be disbanded braves, plundered a few shops. Some time ago a member of the China Inland Mission, who was coming to this city from Chuchow, was attacked in the night by six thieves and robbed of 440 in clothes, books, &c., and \$30 in gold. His bear had been made fast

along the bank of the upper river, some 60 li from Wenchow; the unfortunate missionary escaped unhurt but had to walk the remainder of his journey during a dark night.

The Chinese man-of-war *Yuen-kai* left on the 18th instant for Shanghai having the family of Wang Tantai on board; this vessel has been in our deserted harbour for a whole week and was a pleasant sight to the community.

No further intelligence has been received with regard to our regular trader, the S.S. *Hatchang*, calling on her way down, at Sheipoo and Haimen, it is said that the passenger traffic and the export of treasure from those places will prove quite remunerative.

The Roman Catholic Mission is building a very pretty church; this edifice will be the highest and prettiest in the city.

The German gunboat, *Wolf*, arrived to-day from Ningpo and will leave again on the 12th for Foochow, it is now over two years since a foreign man-of-war visited this port.—*N. C. Daily News*.

## To-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1025.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely. Hongkong, 22nd October, 1888. [1042]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"RAVENNA"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. Hongkong, 22nd October, 1888. [3]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PATHAN,"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godown of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, T.O. DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Godowning after the 20th October, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1888. [1046]

NOTICE.

THE MASONIC CLUB, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE dated 9th August, 1886, of the Shares Nos. 221/270 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. J. S. WYLLIE has been LOST, and if at the expiration of One Week from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming another Certificate will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

W. F. HATHERLY, Secretary. Hongkong, 22nd October, 1888. [1065]

NOTICE.

THE "PEIHO TUG AND LIGHTER COMPANY"

ARE still prepared to Lighter Ships or Steamers at the Taku Bar, for Three Dollar Cents (3c) per mile.

Owners or Agents of Steamers or Vessels are requested to notify the Undersigned by telegram or otherwise, the date of departure of their vessels; so as to enable him to do the work quickly.

Unofficial work at the Bar will be done at the current rates of Five Cents per Picul (5c).

JAMES WATTS, Manager. Messrs. WILSON & Co., Agents, Tientsin. Taku, 13th October, 1888. [1066]

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence in Japan, I have authorized Mr. H. HYNDMAN to sign for ROZARIO & Co.

AUGUSTO J. de ROZARIO. Hongkong, 16th October, 1888. [1047]

NOTICE.

DURING Mr. DENT'S absence from Canton, Mr. CHARLES JULIUS LAURENTZ and Mr. FREDERIC O'NGLEY SEATON are authorised to sign for HERBERT DENT & Co. by procuration.

HERBERT DENT & Co. Canton, 20th September, 1888. [953]

## NOW READY.

PRICE FIFTY CENTS.

THE LAW OF STORM

in the EASTERN SEAS,

by W. DOBERCK, GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

MAY BE PROCURED AT

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Limited, Hongkong.

"Lane, Crawford & Co."

"G. Falconer & Co."

"C. J. Gault & Co."

"F. Blackhead & Co."

"Heusermann, Herbst & Co."

"More & Seimund."

"MacEwen, Frickel & Co."

Mr. W. Brewer.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" Office.

## Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "GALLEY OF LORNE," Captain Grandin, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, T.O. DAY, the 17th inst.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 27th instant or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 17th October, 1888. [1051]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO"

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

CHS. D. HARMAN, Agent. Hongkong, 16th October, 1888. [1]

## Masonic.

CATHAY CHAPTER, No. 1165.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above Chapter will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 25th inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Hongkong, 20th October, 1888. [1063]

## EOTHEN MARK LODGE

OF HONGKONG, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Hongkong, 20th October, 1888. [1064]

## Intimations.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the MARINE DEPARTMENT, are prepared to issue POLICIES of INSURANCE at CURRENT RATES, payable either here or in London, and/or the principal Eastern and Australian Ports.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

For the London Assurance Corporation, Marine Branch. Hongkong, 20th October, 1888. [1061]

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club, will be held in the GYMNASIUM of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, on FRIDAY NEXT, the 26th instant, at 6 P.M. Gentlemen who take an interest in FOOTBALL or who wish to become Members of the Club are invited to attend.

W. H. WALLACE, Hon. Sec. Hongkong, 20th October, 1888. [1062]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on THURSDAY, the 1st November next, at 4 P.M. Hongkong, 17th October, 1888. [1052]

## THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Company, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on THURSDAY, the 1st November next, at 4 P.M. Hongkong, 17th October, 1888. [1052]

## TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

The CARS RUN as follows between ST. JOHN'S PLACE and VICTORIA GAP—

8 to 10 A.M. every quarter of an hour.

12 to 2 P.M. " " half hour.

4 to 8 " " quarter of an hour.

## SUNDAYS.

CHURCH TRAM at 11 A.M. 1st past 12 to 1st past one every quarter of an hour, and from 4 to 8 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars: Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office of MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, 50 & 52, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 11th October, 1888. [1059]

## FOR HIRE.

THE Fast Steam Launch "ELK" is always kept under steam off Pedder's Wharf and is at the service of the public for proceeding to and from Steamers, Pliers and Bathing Parties, &c.

For particulars, apply to CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 17th August, 1888. [801]

## HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE, SPARS, and LUMBER Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY, Proprietor. Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [692]

## THE CHINA ENGINEERING COMPANY.

TEMPORARY OFFICES—MACAO.

ST. SMITH-BIDWELL, Secretary. Macao, 1st October, 1888. [1040]

## Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12 O'CLOCK (NOON), on SATURDAY, the 27th October instant.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hongkong, 8th October, 1888. [1009]

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th day of November next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 15th October, 1888. [1045]

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of FIVE DOLLARS per Share for the year 1887 will be payable on THURSDAY, the 11th instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board, N. J. EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 10th October, 1888. [1019]

## PROSPECTUS.

SINGAPORE HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE "INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1866."

CAPITAL: \$750,000 (with power to increase), divided into 7,500 shares of \$100 each, payable as follows—

\$20 on APPLICATION, \$20 on ALLOTMENT, Further Calls not exceeding \$20 each, to be made at intervals of not less than three months. (It is not expected that more than \$55 per share will be called up before the end of 1888.)



## Commercial.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—151 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$85 per share, ex. div., buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$68 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 285 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$98 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 95 per share, sellers.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$335 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$74 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 34 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$274 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—115 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$165 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. div., sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$53 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share, sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$78 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$138 per share, buyers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—B—3 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886—C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886—E—11 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$75 per share, sellers.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, buyers.

Punjin and Sanghee Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$11 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—60 per cent. premium, buyers.

Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—70 per cent. premium, buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—225 per cent. premium, buyers.

The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$48 per share, sellers.

Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sellers.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/01  
Bank Bills, on demand 3/01  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/01  
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ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/01  
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ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 72 1/2  
Private, 30 days' sight 73 1/2

## OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul.....\$645  
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NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest...\$555  
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest...\$575  
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NEW PATNA (second choice) per chest...\$552  
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest...\$444  
NEW BENARES (bottom) per chest...\$452  
OLD BENARES (bottom) per chest...\$450  
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul...\$630  
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul...\$600  
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul...\$580

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

21st October, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Wind	Force	Direction	Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Clouds	Sea	Weather
Whampoa	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0
Tsuen	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0
Nagasaki	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0
Shanghai	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0
Amoy	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0
Hongkong	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0
Swatow	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0
Yokohama	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0
Manila	W	3	W	30.0	70	70	0	0	0

22nd October, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

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## THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Taiyang*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 20th instant for this port, and is expected here on the 26th.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Larles* from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 16th inst. and is due here on the 23rd.

The "Glen" line steamer *Glenorchy*, from London, left Singapore on the 16th instant, and is expected here on the 23rd.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Palamed*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 17th inst. and is expected here on the 23rd.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Deccan*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on Sunday, the 21st instant, at 5 p.m., and is due here on the 27th.

## Shipping.

## ARRIVALS.

FREJER, Danish steamer, 397, C. A. Lund, 20th Oct.—Haiphong 18th Oct., General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, G. Taylor, 21st Oct.—Manila 19th Oct., General—Russell & Co.

THYRA, German steamer, 664, L. Jacobsen, 21st Oct.—Newchwang 14th Oct., and Chelso 15th Oct., General—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

PATHAN, British steamer, 1,762, T. Golding, 21st Oct.—Glasgow, via Liverpool 6th Sept., and Singapore 1st October, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ANCONA, British steamer, 3,142, W. J. Webber, 21st Oct.—Yokohama 15th Oct., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

YANGTSE, German steamer, 814, C. Tonningsen, 21st Oct.—Shanghai 17th Oct., General—Siemssen & Co.

TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, P. Moos, 21st Oct.—Pakhoi 18th October, and Holbow 20th October, General—Wielor & Co.

THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 21st Oct.—Taiwanfo 18th October, Amoy 19th, and Swatow 20th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

H. PRINCEBERG, German bark, 553, H. Ahrens, 21st Oct.—Honolulu 31st August, Ballast—Melchers & Co.

MONTIARA, German schooner, 75, Otto Kessler, 21st Oct.—Yap (Caroline Islands), 3rd Oct., General—Siemssen & Co.

KOBE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,700, E. W. Haswell, 21st October—Glasgow 14th Sept., and Singapore 15th Oct., General—Mitsui Bishi Co.

CHOYANG, British steamer, 1,195, Balbernie, 21st Oct.—Wuhu 16th October, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HEVER, German steamer, 340, B. Dethlefsen, 22nd Oct.—Newchwang 15th Oct., General—Siemssen & Co.

KWANGLEE, Chinese steamer, 1,508, Andrew, 22nd October—Shanghai 19th October, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

HYDASPES, British steamer, 1,899, W. E. Thompson, 22nd Oct.—Shanghai 20th Oct., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Clara, German steamer, for Haiphong.

Niobe, British steamer, for Yokohama.

Frej, Danish steamer, for Haiphong.

## DEPARTURES.

October 21, *Soachow*, British str., for Hoilow.

October 21, *Ahline*, German str., for Hoilow.

October 21, *Deuteros*, German steamer, for Swatow.

October 21, *Frigga*, German steamer, for Singapore, &c.

October 21, *Fortune*, Siamese bark, for Bangkok.

October 21, *Yangtze*, German steamer, for Whampoa.

October 21, *Choyang*, British steamer, for Whampoa.

October 22, *Titan*, British steamer, for Amoy.

October 22, *Whampoa*, British steamer, for Swatow.

October 22, *Mohovita*, British ship, for New York.

October 22, *Ningpo*, British str., for Shanghai.

October 22, *Pathan*, British str., for Shanghai.

## PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Triumph*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—35 Chinese.

Per *Yangtze*, str., from Shanghai—Messrs. MacMurray, Flom, Bol, and 22 Chinese.

Per *Thyra*, str., from Newchwang, &c.—8 Chinese.

Per *Pathan*, str., from Singapore, &c.—285 Chinese.

Per *Frej*, str., from Haiphong—1 European and 29 Chinese.

Per *Diamante*, str., from Manila—Messrs. Valentin Fernandez, Jose Medina, G. Henrich, G. H. Hastings, and 110 Chinese.

Per *Thales*, str., from Taiwanfo, &c.—Mr. Andersen, and 215 Chinese.

Per *H. Princeberg*, bark, from Honolulu—175 Chinese.

Per *Montiara*, sch., from Yap, Caroline Islands—1 Chinese.

Per *Kobe Maru*, str., from Glasgow, &c.—Mrs. Barrie, 3 children and nurse, Miss du Rieu, Miss Barker, Messrs. Divers and Ishigawa.

Per *Ancona*, str., from Yokohama for Hongkong—Mr. and Mrs. Bala, Mrs. O. L. Captain Reynolds, Mr. R. Johnston, and 10 Chinese.

From Higo—Messrs. Tong-loo-tai, M. Kusanaka, Kin Chung, and 1 Chinese (deck). From Nagasaki—2 Chinese (deck). From Yokohama for Port Said—Mr. Hollingsworth. For London—Mr. Home. From Higo for Port Said—Mr. Priest.

Per *Kwangle*, str., from Shanghai—Mr. Williamson, and 237 Chinese.

Per *Hydaspes*, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong—Messrs. Cheng Kiang Tong and servant, Cheng Tai Yau and servant, R. Talbot, F. W. Barff, J. Morris, and 19 Chinese. For Penang—Mr. J. Mendy. For London—Rev. F. B. Turner and W. W. King.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Frigga*, str., for Swatow—1 European and 30 Chinese.

Per *Deuteros*, str., for Swatow—100 Chinese.

Per *Soachow*, str., for Hoilow—20 Chinese.

Per *Titan*, str., for Amoy—30 Chinese.

Per *Whampoa*, str., for Swatow—1 European and 30 Chinese.

Per *Ningpo*, str., for Shanghai—2 Europeans and 30 Chinese.

Per *Ahline*, str., for Hoilow—60 Chinese.

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